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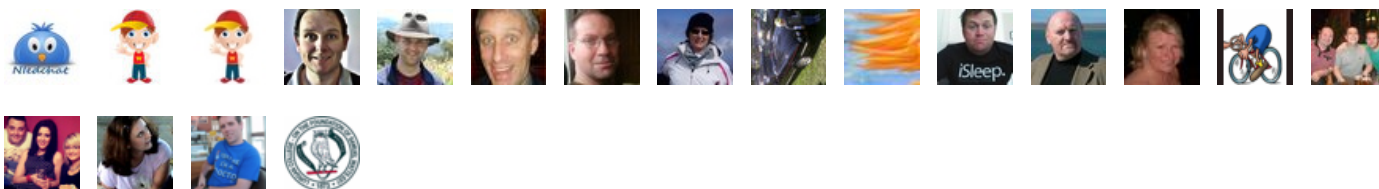
## Niedchat 30th May 2012

How should we assess pupil progress at the end of the school year?

## Trending Words

#niedchat, @dmchugh675, -, @medv2, @dmurray742, rt, assessment, learning, @mrmalcontent, need, think, :),

## Event Participants





Have you voted for tomorrow night's #Nledchat topic? Poll closes tonight. <http://t.co/B4pa6tbY>

29-May-12 06:52 | Nledchat



Learning without limits ... <http://t.co/zgEwQdbS> #ukedchat #earlyed #niedchat

29-May-12 09:24 | GametoChange



Learning without limits ... <http://t.co/uvsQAEaD> #ukedchat #earlyed #niedchat

29-May-12 09:24 | gametolearnuk



Still time to vote for tomorrow night's #Nledchat topic. <http://t.co/B4pa6tbY>

29-May-12 16:09 | Nledchat



"Grouping by ability holds children back" RT @GametoChange: Learning without limits ... <http://t.co/lzAu4Twq> #ukedchat #earlyed #niedchat

29-May-12 18:59 | dmchugh675



Poll for tomorrow night's #Nledchat - <http://t.co/B4pa6tbY>

29-May-12 19:08 | Nledchat



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29-May-12 19:08 | dmchugh675



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29-May-12 19:24 | dmurray742



Tonight's #Nledchat: How should we assess children's progress at the end of the school year? See you at 8.30.

30-May-12 07:00 | Nledchat



RT @Nledchat Tonight's #Nledchat: How should we assess children's progress at the end of the school year? See you at 8.30. #edchatie

30-May-12 07:39 | fboss



Some thought provoking reading before tonight's #Nledchat on assessment...pick an article, any article! <http://t.co/DuNtekNA>

30-May-12 15:32 | dmchugh675



CC4G - How did I miss this? Any #niedchat peeps using it? <http://t.co/soi79cSL>

30-May-12 16:01 | dmchugh675



Got a view on assessment? Join #Nledchat tonight at 8.30.

30-May-12 17:46 | Nledchat



Join #Nledchat in an hour when teachers will be discussing pupil assessment.

30-May-12 18:30 | Nledchat



Taking part in #Nledchat for the first time tonight? Here's one way to follow a Twitter chat. <http://t.co/ayLr1bIU>

30-May-12 19:02 | Nledchat



Welcome to #Nledchat. Please say hello!

30-May-12 19:30 | dmchugh675



I'm be hosting tonight...weather's good so not expecting a big turnout...#niedchat

30-May-12 19:31 | dmchugh675



Please remember to add the hashtag #niedchat to all of your tweets. ;)

30-May-12 19:31 | dmchugh675



If your tweets are usually protected please unprotect them for the chat. You can always protect them again afterwards. #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:31 | dmchugh675



"I'm be hosting"??? Sometimes I wonder how I became a teacher! #niedchat

30-May-12 19:33 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Hi Damien - u r the pillar of #niedchat, I am sure others will be around soon..... 2 much reportin and EOY assessment?

30-May-12 19:33 | medv2



@dmchugh675 Hi, nice easy question 2nite then? TeeHee, spent years watching people chasing their tails on this one #niedchat

30-May-12 19:33 | petersg76



Tonight's topic is assessment. How should a child's progress be assessed at the end of the school year? #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:33 | dmchugh675



Hi Damien - Dáithí here, post-primary teacher and exhausted timetabler. #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:34 | dmurray742



@medv2 So much for winding down Donna!!! No chat next week...I think we'll have a final one on the 16th June to wrap it up. #niedchat

30-May-12 19:34 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 There you are! Was worried for a mo ;) #niedchat

30-May-12 19:35 | dmchugh675



Hi Damien, I am a newbie, trainee teacher. #niedchat

30-May-12 19:35 | Louise\_Brown\_



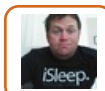
@dmchugh675 #Nledchat I knw Shift happens - in most things but not testing/assessment!

30-May-12 19:35 | medv2



@Louise\_Brown\_ Welcome along Louise - thanks for joining us. #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:35 | dmurray742



RT @dmchugh675: Tonight's topic is assessment. How should a child's progress be assessed at the end of the school year? #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:35 | bellaale



@islayian Is that auto-correct for Antrim? :) You are very welcome. Big changes in Scotland re assessment? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:38 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 I haven't given a graded test in 20 years and love all the alternative methods..#niedchat

30-May-12 19:39 | 8rinaldi



Apologies all, one of those nights! Barry, P7 teacher (aapparently!) #niedchat

30-May-12 19:40 | MrMalcontent



@8rinaldi Are you not required (by law?) to assign grades? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:40 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @islayian Is that auto-correct for Antrim? :) You are very welcome. Big changes in Scotland re assessment? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:41 | islayian



@MrMalcontent #niedchat Hi Barry, sure every nite is one of those nights more often than not - keep smiling :)

30-May-12 19:41 | medv2



@MrMalcontent Hi Barry...take a few deep breaths :) #niedchat

30-May-12 19:41 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 No in private school in NY - huge movement over here by public school teachers to abolish grading system #niedchat

30-May-12 19:42 | 8rinaldi



like the idea of alternative methods #niedchat

30-May-12 19:42 | Louise\_Brown\_



@8rinaldi, so how do they assess, is it a report of competencies? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:43 | Louise\_Brown\_



Would like to think that a system of formative, reporting assessment wouldn't be abused by schools chasing pupils!! Doubt it.... #niedchat

30-May-12 19:43 | MrMalcontent



@8rinaldi #niedchat not sure about abolishing but here we need to find a way of making learning the focus and the assessment an aside

30-May-12 19:43 | medv2



Are tests of knowledge still valid in the information age? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:44 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Nope - in a digital age, recall of knowledge is a very low quality form of assessment. #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:44 | dmurray742



@amandasalt Hi Amanda...how did they get on? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:45 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie Yip, but as an exclusive form of assessment, it's of limited benefit. #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:47 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @finnbarchristie Knowledge learned for a test will be forgotten quickly (usually) so where is the benefit? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:49 | dmchugh675



@amandasalt Yes, but I fear when it is used as an exclusive measure of achievement. Too tempting for language teachers to do this. #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:49 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent Are ICT skills an indication of "quality education" :P #niedchat

30-May-12 19:49 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent Yes. #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:50 | dmurray742



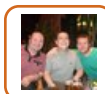
@amandasalt Yeh, recall of vocab is important but developing skills like transference is more valuable for future lang devlpmnt. #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:51 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 is the ability to recall maths facts or put in commas and identify adverbs et al, when learnt by rote? useful? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:51 | MrMalcontent



Yr10 orals 2dy, if an ansr felt 2learn'd off, i ask'd a ? bout wat dey said 2c hw they dealt with new ? and mark'd on understandin also #niedchat

30-May-12 19:52 | finnbarchristie



@MrMalcontent @dmchugh675 Why are these things of central importance in a digital age? #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:52 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 and what does our #niedchat feel ICT skills actually are? Word processing and spreadsheeting or new media skills? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:53 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie Nice one. Did you negotiate the success criteria with kids beforehand? Did they like the challenge? #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:53 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent I could never remember maths facts by rote...always had to discover my own way. #justme #niedchat

30-May-12 19:53 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent for me the stand-out one is negotiating the web for good info. Our supposed digital natives are not very good at it. #niedchat

30-May-12 19:54 | dmchugh675



Problem, if you do not ask pupils to recall information everything is processed in the short term memory, cognitive load theory #niedchat

30-May-12 19:54 | Louise\_Brown\_



@dmurray742 @finnbarchristie I'm late sorry what's tonight's topic? #Niedchat

30-May-12 19:54 | Neevo87



@finnbarchristie Higher quality outcomes, I bet. Great prep for what's required at GCSE and A Level btw #Nledchat

30-May-12 19:57 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie required = required. #Nledchat #fatfingers

30-May-12 19:57 | dmurray742



Studies show that comment only reporting/feedback is more effective than grade only or grade and comment. Do we need grades? #niedchat

30-May-12 19:58 | dmchugh675



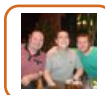
@medv2 so you never need to work out if the ladder was long enough to reach the window then lol! #niedchat

30-May-12 19:59 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 agreed, because this requires many of the skills of literacy that we might sometimes forget - fact/opinion,etc #niedchat

30-May-12 20:00 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 I really feel so. A better judgement of how they deal with the language and manipulate it. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:00 | finnbarchristie



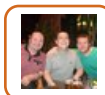
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RT @dmchugh675: @medv2 so you never need to work out if the ladder was long enough to reach the window then lol! #niedchat

30-May-12 20:00 | finnbarchristie



#niedchat Any thoughts on assessment of sen kids in mainstream, often average/high IQ but poor retention/transfer of 'learned' facts?

30-May-12 20:01 | bradleyea



RT @Nledchat: Half an hour gone in tonight's #Nledchat were we are discussing assessment methods in school. Please join us!

30-May-12 20:01 | islayian



@dmchugh675 #niedchat stats folk at DENI mite say yes diff 2 quantify qualitative comments ;) which leads 2 wht R the drivers 4 Assessment?

30-May-12 20:01 | medv2



@dmchugh675 #niedchat Big changes coming in Scotland with the introduction of the new exam system next year. Lots of pupil driven assessment

30-May-12 20:03 | islayian



How do we feel about controlled assessment?? #niedchat

30-May-12 20:04 | finnbarchristie



@bradleyea Yes...assess them on what you see and hear day and daily and report on that. Knowledge tests are absurd in many cases. #niedchat

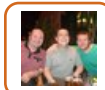
30-May-12 20:04 | dmchugh675





RT @8rinaldi: @islayian @dmchugh675 Things have to change to prepare SS for future. Need creators, sharers, global thinkers tradl tests do not #niedchat

30-May-12 20:08 | islayian



@dmurray742 I think it also gives a chance to strong students, who perform poorly under test conditions #niedchat

30-May-12 20:09 | finnbarchristie



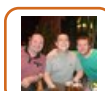
@8rinaldi @islayian How do parents and students feel about the move to abandon grades? #niedchat

30-May-12 20:09 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie Exactly - it's a more effective modern day assessment rather than winner-takes-all with a terminal exam. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:10 | dmurray742



my old Irish teacher used2say getn A's in exams didnt mean u wer gr8 @da subject,bt really good at exams #niedchat

30-May-12 20:11 | finnbarchristie



@dmchugh675 #niedchat agreed, how does the shift happen 2 make luv of learn central , even wiv new tech, tchrs speak in terms of UICT accred

30-May-12 20:11 | medv2



#niedchat as long as the ultimate goal is written exams then our assessment has 2 work 2wards them, so kids r ready & confident.

30-May-12 20:12 | petersg76



@medv2 @dmchugh675 UICT is a GREAT way for teachers to get students enthused about their subject.A wee bit of risktaking needed. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:13 | dmurray742



@amandasalt Isn't this the crux. Assessment is about ranking children when really it should b about their next step forward. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:13 | dmchugh675



RT @dmurray742: @medv2 @dmchugh675 UICT is a GREAT way for teachers to get students enthused about their subject.A wee bit of risktaking needed. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:15 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 @islayian Need to show them benefits of alternative ways of learning and assessing - Ss take to it quickly -meaningful #niedchat

30-May-12 20:15 | 8rinaldi



@petersg76 Not all awards are assessed this way...thinking BTECs, CoPE, ASDAN awards. Some GCSE's 60%+ teacher assessed. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:15 | dmchugh675



"@dmurray742: UICT is a GREAT way for teachers to get students enthused about their subject.A wee bit of risktaking needed. #Niedchat" < yep

30-May-12 20:15 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent @medv2 It is if you can get the computer suite booked! #niedchat

30-May-12 20:16 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @medv2 but sure, we ALL have to be above average.... :) #niedchat

30-May-12 20:16 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 Would love to give it a go? But it's back to success criteria again - they love when they're told how to succeed. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:18 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 Yes agree. Varying ability day 2 day is difficult. Think promoting success so important to encourage further learning. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:18 | bradleyea



@medv2 @dmurray742 UICT system is very assessment evidence heavy don't you think... kills the fun a bit. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:18 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 I've had my 6th graders do this. They are much harder on themselves than I am - also had them write reports on me #niedchat

30-May-12 20:18 | 8rinaldi



@dmchugh675 #niedchat LOL The future is bright!

30-May-12 20:18 | medv2



@dmchugh675 ours write a comment on their report about their year, including the progress they have made #niedchat

30-May-12 20:19 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 @medv2 Yeh I agree-but the 5Eskinda necessary to ensure it's a valuable experience. Otherwise death by Microsoft ppt #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:19 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 What happens when you're not there to tell them how to succeed? What is education for if they become dependent on us? #niedchat

30-May-12 20:19 | dmchugh675



RT @8rinaldi: @dmchugh675 I've had my 6th graders do this. They are much harder on themselves than I am - also had them write reports on me #niedchat

30-May-12 20:20 | dmchugh675



We do student led conference presentations, really shows self reflection and knowing themselves as learners, tests do not show this #niedchat

30-May-12 20:20 | 8rinaldi



@dmchugh675 Awww no! Show them once/twice what a successful essay looks like, leave them alone - they'll remember next time. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:20 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 no, due to the open nature of some of the KS2 tasks ,mine didn't know they were doing assessed tasks #niedchat #sneaky

30-May-12 20:20 | MrMalcontent



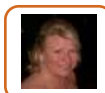
@dmchugh675 #niedchat ties in w/ wht many do w/ target setting alrdy, so y not? though think teachers will still have 2 contribute, :)

30-May-12 20:21 | medv2



@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent @medv2 Sometimes I dream of Meru and Browser Agnosticism! #niedchat

30-May-12 20:21 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 @medv2 All learning is valuable, even the failures - that's how we really learn - by our mistakes #niedchat

30-May-12 20:21 | 8rinaldi





@MrMalcontent I've read of children who negotiate their whole report with their teacher...think its this guy  
<http://t.co/ehWyV67i> #niedchat

30-May-12 20:25 | dmchugh675



@8rinaldi I know many of our kids would be terrified by this..."Just give me a test!" #niedchat

30-May-12 20:26 | dmchugh675



@8rinaldi couldn't agree more the more memorable the mistake the less likley you are to make it again, breeds determination #niedchat

30-May-12 20:26 | Louise\_Brown\_



RT @MrMalcontent: no, due to the open nature of some of the KS2 tasks ,mine didn't know they were doing assessed tasks #niedchat #sneaky

30-May-12 20:27 | medv2



@dmurray742 So we're still rote learning essays....my old History teacher rests happily :) #niedchat

30-May-12 20:27 | dmchugh675



@Louise\_Brown\_ Rubrics, wikis, blogs as well as self assessment and peer assessment, replanning, trying again  
<http://t.co/3AqOxbtl> #niedchat

30-May-12 20:27 | 8rinaldi



@dmchugh675 Eh? #Niedchat #didimisssomething?

30-May-12 20:28 | dmurray742



@medv2 The teacher's can facilitate it! #niedchat

30-May-12 20:28 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 sounded like "learn the essay for the exam"...I know it's not what you meant ;) #niedchat

30-May-12 20:29 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 They can't be passionate about a test. Give them an authentic project, trust them and see what happens #niedchat

30-May-12 20:29 | 8rinaldi



rote learning means they drop out first year uni when they have to think for themselves  
#niedchat

30-May-12 20:30 | Louise\_Brown\_



@dmchugh675 Ahhh you're too subtle for me... lol #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:30 | dmurray742



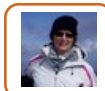
@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 How can you rote learn an essay??? #niedchat

30-May-12 20:30 | 8rinaldi



Time is up! #Niedchat will be taking a break next week before a final chat of this year on 13th June. See you then :)

30-May-12 20:30 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @bradleyea Keeping the love of learning alive and relevant is key in SEN. #niedchat > indeed! I would say for us all :)

30-May-12 20:31 | medv2



Quick hour folks! Thanks very much for contributing. No chat next week and the next one on the 13th (?) is our last of the year. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:32 | dmchugh675



Love this topic. It's what I'm passionate about. Thanks to all for making me think... #niedchat

30-May-12 20:32 | 8rinaldi



@8rinaldi @dmurray742 It's an essential skill to pass some A'Level exams here (18 year olds). #niedchat

30-May-12 20:33 | dmchugh675



@8rinaldi Thanks for dropping in. I like your thinking...we have work to do on changing attitudes to learning and assessment here. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:34 | dmchugh675



@8rinaldi #niedchat thx 4 yr contributions, U teach in a way that many aspire 2 hre but exams & assessment get in the way sometimes

30-May-12 20:35 | medv2



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 So I guess it doesn't matter if they understand, just that they can regurgitate facts??? #niedchat

30-May-12 20:35 | 8rinaldi



@medv2 @bradleyea For all indeed Donna...however high flyers have a reward which is attainable thus are prepared to play the game. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:36 | dmchugh675



@medv2 It has to change. I'm very lucky not to have these constraints, know how hard it is for others. Will keep trying to convert #niedchat

30-May-12 20:37 | 8rinaldi



@8rinaldi @dmurray742 The biggest issue I have with A'Level History SS is getting them to think for themselves. They prefer notes. #niedchat

30-May-12 20:37 | dmchugh675



@8rinaldi @dmchugh675 Exactly! It's not education at all - but it works for some people. #sad #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:38 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 That's so sad - the whole system needs to change to involve SS, esp at 18. They could think much deeper #niedchat

30-May-12 20:40 | 8rinaldi



@dmchugh675 It's not easy but it need to happen soon..these Ss need to keep up with the rest of the world -global is essential #niedchat

30-May-12 20:41 | 8rinaldi



@dmurray742 thr is hope 4 the young when they have role models such as #Niedchat tweeps - keep fighting the gd fight, the young R worth it!

30-May-12 20:41 | medv2



@petersg76 I'm reminded of the farmer who kept weighing the pig but forgot to feed it. Assessment methods can hinder education. #niedchat ;)

30-May-12 20:41 | dmchugh675



@medv2 Thanks Donna - great support network out there too with professionals as keen to help as you and your colleagues. #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:42 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 #Niedchat and there lies the challenge, to be a leader, you need followers otherwise you are a loner!! #thatthehardbit

30-May-12 20:51 | medv2



@medv2 As a certain VP said to me 'We can't all be leaders, or who would be there to applaud us as we walk by?' lol/cc @jburns834 #Niedchat

30-May-12 20:52 | dmurray742



@bradleyea Was it? I was sure you were here before! Glad you enjoyed it...hopefully you'll be back again :) #niedchat

30-May-12 20:53 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 @medv2 @jburns834 You've got to watch this! "Leadership lessons from dancing guy" <http://t.co/SY5uZl4G> #niedchat

30-May-12 20:56 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @medv2 Love it. I wonder if @dmchugh675 is the 'lone nut' and we're all the 'first followers', lol. #Niedchat

30-May-12 21:01 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 #niedchat and its all because we didn't want you to be a lonesome, topless nut that we follow - #edupower!

30-May-12 21:02 | medv2



@dmurray742 @medv2 I think we were a bunch of lone nuts who decided there was safety in numbers! #niedchat

30-May-12 21:02 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat LOL keep yr shirt on, no need 4 lone nuts - the time was rt & I hope more join in as thr's lots 2 talk abt at the mo

30-May-12 21:05 | medv2



RT @dmchugh675: How would you feel if students wrote their own reports on what they have achieved? Is this a valid approach? Could it work? #niedchat

30-May-12 21:22 | LiamPort



RT @dmurray742: @medv2 As a certain VP said to me 'We can't all be leaders, or who would be there to applaud us as we walk by?' lol/cc @jburns834 #Niedchat

30-May-12 22:59 | LurganCollBSICT